of revenue collection. All the States/Union Territories have been requested to send to the Government of India a time-bound programme to introduce fool-proof modern methods of revenue collection.

***Statement***

*Details of total value of fake stamps/stamp papers so far seized*

| S. No. | State | Value of fake stamps seized |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Maharashtra | 29,643,475,692 |
| 2. | Karnataka | 1,796,525,901 |
| 3. | Andhra Pradesh | 88,355,728 |
| 4. | Uttar Pradesh | 229,300 |
| 5. | Tamil Nadu | 461,940 |
| 6. | Madhya Pradesh | 460,369 |
| 7. | Gujarat | 88,052,572 |
| 8. | West Bengal | 1,478,000 |
| 9. | Kerala | 2,500,000 |
| 10. | Delhi | 2,336,868,678 |
| 11. | Bihar | 1,849,000 |

**Central Sales Tax on pharmaceutical raw material**

1921. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central sales tax on pharmaceutical raw material and medicines in Gujarat is 2.2 per cent *vis-a-vis* in other States of the country; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for this disparity and the steps taken by Government to immediately stop this imbalance in the rate of Central

sales tax, which is affecting growth of pharmaceutical industry in other States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Disinvestment of PSUs**

1922. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many Government enterprises and Government undertakings were put to disinvestment by selling shares to the tune of 50 per cent or more during the period upto 31st March, 2004 alongwith the names of establishments;

(b) how many of them were losing concerns and how many were gaining concerns;

(c) the amount earned by Government by way of disinvestment; and

(d) how many workers and employees lost their jobs in those establishments after their being disinvested uptil 31st March, 2004 excepting those getting normal retirement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) to (c) The names of the Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs), in which Government has disinvested 50% or more of its equity till 31st March 2004, their classification into Loss Making or Profit Making companies in the year of their disinvestment and the undertaking-wise realisation from the sale of Government's equity is given in the statement (*See* below)

(b) As informed by these PSUs except Lagan Jute Machinery Corporation. Hotel Agra Ashok and Hotel Hassan Ashok, against an initial strength of 35, 275 employees at the time of disinvestment, 7,007 employees availed of Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS), 979 employees retired, 449 employees resigned, 3 employees were retrenched and another 578 employees left for other reasons while 1,831 new employees have been recruited.